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# Alumni Columns

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NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

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## FIRST STUDENT REGISTERS IN GRADUATE SCHOOL



### THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE:

opened officially at the beginning of the spring semester, 1955, by enrolling 152 graduate students.

Holding the honor of being the first registered graduate student in the newly created graduate school is Gordon T. Bradshaw, B. S. '51. Ville Platte. Bradshaw, a graduate in the spring of 1951, hails from Niagara Falls, New York. Since graduation he has been teaching at Ville Platte High School. He is pictured above shaking hands with President John S. Kyser immediately after having paid his registration fees to Miss Neta Graves at the Auditor's office. Pictured at the right of President Kyser are Dr. Leo T. Allbritten, Dean of the Graduate School, and Mr. O. R. Crew, Registrar.

#### RECORD HIGH ENROLLMENT

Including the students registered in the Graduate School, the enrollment for the spring semester reached an all-time peak. The total enrollment to date is 1730,

which exceeds the enrollment of the spring semester of 1954 by 340, and tops the figures for last fall by 42.

According to figures released by the Registrar's Office, the previous peak enrollment at Northwestern State College was 1716 in the fall semester of 1939. Last fall the registration reached 1688, an increase of 201 over the fall semester of 1953.

#### GRADUATE SCHOOL TO GROW

Dean Allbritten has expressed himself as being gratified at the number of students enrolled at the initiation in the first graduate courses. With many other courses being offered during the summer session, together with an enlarged graduate faculty, it is expected that the number of graduate students will be doubled or tripled.

"All indications point to a registration of from 300 to 500 in the Graduate School during the summer," stated the Dean.

### N. S. C. To Go On T-V

Plans for monthly T-V appearances of College groups for the spring semester have been completed, according to an announcement this week by Dr. Edna West, Professor of Speech, who will serve as director of the programs.

These programs are scheduled for March, April, and May, and will be televised over Station KNOE-TV of Monroe. The time for the programs are Monday afternoons from 5:00 until 5:30 on the following dates: March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Departments planning to put on these televised programs are Industrial Education Department on March 21, Physical Science Department on April 18, and Education Department on May 16.

Arrangements for the T-V programs have been made through the courtesy of Mr. Pete McCausland, operations manager of the KNOE-TV station.

### Inaugural Ceremonies Planned for April 1-2

An academic convocation to give formal recognition to the opening of the Graduate School and, at the same time, to inaugurate President John S. Kyser is being worked out by a planning committee.

Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, have been selected as the dates for the event. Tentative plans for the two-day convocation call for a program to launch the Graduate School on Friday afternoon with Dr. T. M. Stinnett, Executive Secretary, National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, making the principal address. On Friday evening, there will be a banquet with Dr. Roger P. McCutcheon, formerly Dean of the Graduate School at Tulane University, bringing the main address.

On Saturday morning, April 2, will be held the formal ceremonies inaugurating President Kyser. The main speaker for this event will be Dr. Doak S. Campbell, President, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Following the inaugural there will be a luncheon, the final event of the convocation.

Friends of the College and representatives of other institutions of higher education and learned societies will be invited to the campus for the programs of the convocation. The program in detail will be published in the March issue of *Alumni Columns*.

### Elected Superintendent

Albert T. Browne, acting superintendent of East Baton Rouge Parish Schools since the death of Rex Beard in June, was elected superintendent on February 12.

A native of Natchitoches, Browne graduated from the old Louisiana State Normal School in 1914. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at L. S. U.

Mr. Browne has served the public schools in Madison, Avoyelles, and Rapides Parishes, was superintendent in Acadia Parish, and was principal and director of teacher training at Northwestern Elementary Training School. He went to Baton Rouge as assistant superintendent in 1943.

## RECEIVE COMMISSIONS AT END OF FALL SEMESTER



These seven new second lieutenants received their commissions on January 27 in ceremonies at the Armory when they were sworn in by Lt. Col. O. L. Greening, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

They are, back row, left to right: Delton R. Brady, Atlanta; Gerald R. Carter, Winnfield; John M. Hicks, New Orleans; Robert L. Miller, Natchitoches; Jerry Reddell, Forest Hill; and James D. Rider, Shreveport.

In the foreground is Alan Langridge of Shreveport. His bars are being pinned on by his mother and Lt. Col. Greening.

## ROTC Rifle Team Outshoots Centenary

Scoring 353 to 320 the Northwestern State College ROTC Rifle Team defeated the Centenary ROTC Rifle Team in a match scheduled in the local Armory on February 17.

Shooting from four positions—prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing—each contestant fired fifty rounds for a possible score of 200. Ten men from each team entered the contest, with the highest five from each group being used as the match score.

Leading scorer of the match and high man for NSC was Gerald Tilleux with a total score of 185. He was followed by Barry Broadwater with 174, Bobbie Stott, 172, Delano Brister, 171, and Lamy Chopin with 156.

The top five men for Centenary were Giles, 176, Lamb, 170, Rutledge, 161, DeLaney, 158, and Pickett, 155.

The total for all ten contestants on each team was: NSC, 1561, Centenary 1541.

## Demons Schedule 9 Football Games

The Demons will meet nine opponents on the gridiron next fall, according to an announcement by Athletic Director Harry Turpin. Four of the games will be played in Natchitoches and five will be played away from home.

Appearing for the first time on the Demon schedule will be Stetson University of DeLand, Florida, and Howard Payne College of Brownwood, Texas. Central Oklahoma State, opening game of the season for several years, is not on the schedule this season. Howard Payne College had a record of 10 wins against one loss in 1954, and that one loss was to Louisiana Tech.

After tying for second place in the Gulf States Conference last year with a record of 7 wins and 2 losses, the Demons have about completed the spring practice sessions. Twenty-three returning lettermen were out for spring practice, along with several freshmen and transfers.

The 1955 schedule is as follows:

Sept. 24, Lamar Tech, here; Oct. 1, McNeese State College at Lake Charles; Oct. 8, Louisiana College at Alexandria; Oct. 22, Louisiana Tech at Shreveport (State Fair); Oct. 29, Howard Payne at Brownwood, Texas; Nov. 5, Northeast Louisiana, here; Nov. 12, Southwestern Louisiana at Lafayette; and Nov. 19, Southeastern Louisiana, here.

## Demons in GSC Cage Lead

With an 8-2 record in conference play, the Demon basketball squad holds the number one position in the Gulf States Conference. For the entire season they have a record of 18 wins against 6 losses for a .750 percentage rating.

Close on the heels of the Demons is Northeast State College of Monroe with a conference record of 7 wins and 2 losses, followed by Louisiana Tech, in third place, with 7 wins and 3 losses. The Demons will meet Louisiana Tech in Natchitoches on February 22, and then play Northeast at Monroe on February 26 to wind up the

season. The outcome of these two games could have a tremendous bearing on "WHO'S WHO" in the Gulf States Conference.

Northeast has three games to play in the conference. These games are with McNeese, NSC and Southwestern. Louisiana Tech has two games before winding up its conference schedule. These games are with NSC at Natchitoches and with Southwestern at Ruston.

The conference teams this season are more evenly matched than in any other year. Any team is thoroughly capable of upsetting any other team, and the final week of play might develop some surprises.

Following a losing performance at Nacogdoches against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, the Demons roared back against conference foe Southwestern, topping them 91-55. On the road for the next two games, the Demons defeated Louisiana College 80-72 and came from behind to upset Southeastern 81-82 in Hammond.

Meeting McNeese and Southeastern on their home courts, the Demons breezed in both games to the tune of 87-69 and 106-78, respectively. Playing in Lafayette the following week, the charges of Coach Red Thomas saw a first half lead dwindle and dropped behind a Southwestern surge until the last 15 seconds of the game when McConathy dropped in field goal to tie the game at 85-8. In the overtime, the Demons pulled ahead and nosed out the Bulldogs by a final score of 99-94.

The Demons lost their second conference game by one point in an encounter with McNeese at Lake Charles on February 12. The Cowboys slipped by the Demons 60-59. Incidentally, the two losses of the Demons in conference play were both by the margin of one point.

Returning to their home court the Demons defeated Louisiana College 98-85 to bring their conference standing to an 8-2 record. Two days later, February 17, the Demons nosed out Centenary in an overtime game by the score 79-76.

The scores for the last ten games played, since the last issue of the Alumni Columns went to press, are as follows (the Demons' scores given first in each case): S. Austin, 73-78; S. L. I., 99-55; La. College, 80-72; Southeastern, 83-82; McNeese, 87-69; Southeastern, 106-78; Southwestern, 99-94 (overtime); McNeese, 59-60; La. College, 98-85; and Centenary, 79-76 (overtime).

## ON N. S. C. FACULTY



DR. LEONARD F. FOWLER, S. '30, was appointed as Associate Professor of Education on the Northwestern State College faculty at the beginning of the spring semester.

Dr. Fowler has been principal of the Marthaville High School for the past thirteen years. He will become principal of the N. S. C. Elementary School in July, replacing C. C. Graham, who was recently elected Superintendent of Natchitoches Parish Schools. A native of Hico, Fowler received his Master's Degree and his Doctor of Education Degree from University of Arkansas. He has taught education courses at the College of the Ozarks and served as supervisor in the training school at University of Arkansas last year.

### Track Champions Begin Workouts

The Demon track and field team begins workouts this week in preparation for the defense of the Gulf States conference championship which they have held for the past two years.

With sixteen lettermen from the 54 season as a nucleus for this year's squad and several promising freshmen, the Demons expect to be a strong contender for the championship again, and hope to make it three in a row.

Returning lettermen are Mixonunkston, Jack Bice, Linden Clayhook, Bill Collinsworth, Billy Eby, Ted Duggan, Glynn Ebarb, Eddie Chesson, Charlie Johnson, Guycey Lofton, George McConathy, P. Self, Ted Simon, Roland Smith, Larry Whitt, and Murrell Walker.

Missing from the squad will be such standouts as Murray Walker, middle distance runner, and Dennis Rider, two miler, both of whom

established new GSC records; other losses are high-jumper Ronald Byrd and sprinter Tynes Hildebrand, who set Northwestern Relays records.

Three freshmen are expected to come through as partial replacements for Walker, Rider, Byrd, and Hildebrand. These are Bobby Ballard of Marthaville, who set a high school record in the mile run at the Northwestern Relays last year, high-jumper Jerry Roan of Alexandria, and sprinter Steve Jordan from Fair Park High School in Shreveport.

The Demons will enter eight meets during the regular season. In addition, they will take part in the GSC Track and Field Meet to be held in Natchitoches on May 21, the Southern AAU Meet in New Orleans on May 28, and the NAIA events in Abilene, Texas, on June 2, 3, and 4.

GSC track and field meets for 1955 are: March 26, S. L. I., La. College, N. E. S., and N. S. C. at Lafayette (day); April 2, 17th Annual N. S. C. Relays at Natchitoches (day); April 6, S. L. I., N. E. S., and N. S. C. at Lafayette (day); April 16, 27th Annual Re-

lays at Lafayette (day); April 21, N. S. C., N. E. S., L. P. I., La. College at Natchitoches (night); April 23, S. L. I., La. College, L. P. I., and N. S. C. at Natchitoches (night); May 7, S. L. C., La. College, and N. S. C. at Hammond (night); and May 11, S. L. I., S. L. C., L. P. I., and N. S. C. at Lafayette (night).

enjoying their stay in Japan very much.

Miss George A. Huff, 121 South 10th Street, Baton Rouge 2, La., A. B. '32, writes that she is now employed by the Downtown Office of American Bank and Trust Company, Baton Rouge, and has charge of the Safe Deposit Box Department.

Miss Huff stated that she had been teaching or going to school since graduation until June, 1951, when she retired from teaching and assumed her present position.

Three Northwestern graduates hold down important positions in the Louisiana State School for Spastic Children in Alexandria. These three young men are Wade H. Davis, B. S. '48, Harold Denning, B. S. '51, and Bernard Wooley, B. S. '49.

Mr. Davis was made superintendent of the school immediately after it started operation. He received his Master's Degree and did further graduate work at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Davis, the former Bunah Mae Bass of Baton Rouge, is also

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## ALUMNI Here 'n There

A recent note from Mrs. Harold H. Jones, the former Oma C. Huckabee, B. S. '39, of Bienville, states that she and her husband, M/Sgt. Jones, are now stationed at Chitose Air Force Base, Hokkaido, Japan. The address is 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, NCO Open Mess, APO 181, San Francisco, California.

She asked that her ALUMNI COLUMNS be mailed to her there and that recent copies be sent so that she would not miss any of them.

The Jones family seem to be

### THESE NURSES LEAD SENIOR LEAGUE IN SHREVEPORT



*Not to be outdone by the masculine gender in the art of playing basketball, these nurses of the Shreveport Division are making a record for themselves in the Women's Division of the Shreveport Recreational League. They won the early fall league championship with a record of 9 games won and 1 lost. Four of the team made the All-Stars and one was chosen All-Tournament in the recent tournament held in Shreveport.*

**Alumni—**

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a graduate of Northwestern State College, having received her degree in 1946.

Harold Denning is head of the physical therapy department, and it is his responsibility to see that the department operates at maximum efficiency eight hours a day. He finished the National Training School for Professional Leaders in Scouting at Mendham, New Jersey, served as Field Scout Executive in Tuscaloosa, and did his graduate work at Peabody College.

Bernard Wooley was given the responsibilities of the position of Head Teacher on January 10, 1955. This position also includes the duties of classroom teacher. Mr. Wooley is married and has two children, Mike and Robbie. Mrs. Wooley is the former Idella Ruth Newsom, former student at the College.

All three of these young men saw service during World War II, in the U. S. Navy, U. S. Armed Forces (Third Army), and the U. S. Marine Corps (Fifth Division), respectively. They learned the importance of team work and the necessity of each part of the team doing its best job. Now they are again a team, and their objective is the rehabilitation and training of the spastic children of Louisiana under their care.

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Mr. Braxton Ratcliff, B. S. '53, has just completed the requirements for his Master's Degree in Mathematics at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, at the end of the fall semester. The degree will be conferred at the spring convocation in May. Ratcliff is now living at his home in Shreveport, at 1226 Vinton Street.

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Mrs. Buford James Bruce, the former Betty Jo Davis, A. B. '43, has recently accepted a position as a welfare visitor with the Ouachita Parish Department of Public Welfare with offices in Monroe. Prior to accepting this position, Mrs. Bruce had been employed by the Ouachita National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce reside at 106 Blanche Street, Monroe. They have two children, Kerry Gay and Harry Andrew.

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A letter from Mrs. Katherine Dehl Pharr, B. S. '52, formerly of DeRidder, states that she is now living in Kilgore, Texas, P. O. Box 1574, and would like to receive her mail at that address.

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A note from Mrs. J. Truman Ramsey, Pelican, informs us that Mr. and Mrs. John Hartsfield are

making their home in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mrs. Hartsfield is the former Lois Catherine Phillips, who attended Northwestern State College.

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Certificates of Life Membership in the Northwestern State College Alumni Association have recently been issued to Mrs. Vivian Nickels, 125 East Herndon, Shreveport; Mrs. Alma Dees, Anacoco; Miss Jacquelyn Roark, 937 Jefferson Place, Shreveport; Mr. Hunter B. Jenkins, Box 569, Lake Providence; Mrs. Nell Campbell Coco, 706 Washington, Marksville; Mrs. H. A. Markham, 4429 Hueco Street, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Louise Miles Baxley, 1631 Sherwood Drive, Baton Rouge; and Mr. Billy D. Butler, 1019 Eron Street, Pineville.

**Cupid's Doings**

MISS GLYNN ELLEN PENNINGTON of Shreveport, B. A. '53, and BILLY RAY McCLOY of Logansport, were married in December at the home of the groom in Logansport, with Rev. E. E. Ballard officiating.

Mr. McCoy is now in the Armed Forces and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Mrs. McCoy will join him soon.

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MISS ALICE ZENTER of Sibley, student at the College, and TOMMY RAY WEST of Zwolle, also a student at the College, were united in marriage on January 23, in the chapel at the religious center at the College.

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Miss Evelyn Roenstrater of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and DENNIS CONRO McMULLAN of Shreveport, B. S. '51, were married at the Springhill Methodist Church on December 11, with the Rev. Frank G. Tucker officiating at the ceremony.

The young couple will be at home in Springhill.

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MISS FREDA FAITH WOODHATCH of Rosepine, B. A. '54, and Wesley C. Jenson were married in the Rosepine Union Church on January 7. The bride's father, Rev. Woodhatch, officiated in the ceremony.

The couple will live in San Luis Obispo, California.

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MISS MARILYN BARNETT of Plain Dealing, B. A. '52, and James M. Light of Shreveport, were married on December 4 at the Plain Dealing Baptist Church, with the Rev. Eugene L. Strickland officiating.

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MISS ELIZABETH BUILTEMAN, B. A. '44, Natchitoches Parish librarian, formerly of Many, and Leon Mitchell of Many, were mar-

**ERIC BABCOCK**

*Eric Babcock is the 5-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert D. Babcock of 3520 White Street, Metairie, La. The mother is the former Myrtle Ann Babin, B. S. '51, of LaPlace. Mr. Babcock also received his B. S. Degree in 1951.*

The couple will make their home in Shreveport.

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MISS JAMYMA ANN LEWIS of Alexandria, former student at the College, and Lt. Edward F. Radziwan of Thompsonville, Connecticut, were married on December 31 in St. Adalbert's Catholic Church in Thompsonville.

Lt. Radziwan is stationed at present at the Alexandria Air Force Base.

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MISS CAROL ANN CHRISTENSON, junior at the college, and James Edward Sava, both of Shreveport, were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on January 29, with the Rev. John E. Baney officiating in the ceremony.

The young couple will make their home in Anchorage, Alaska.

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MISS CHARLENE TULLIS WIER of Tioga, former student at the college, and Lt. Wilburn James Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, were united in marriage on January 29 in the Tioga Baptist Church, with Dr. W. A. Brown officiating.

Lt. Smith is now attached to the 391st Fighter Bomb Squadron at the Alexandria Air Force Base. The couple will make their home at 3033 Ashber Street in Alexandria.

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MISS ELIZABETH BUILTEMAN, B. A. '44, Natchitoches Parish librarian, formerly of Many, and Leon Mitchell of Many, were mar-

ried on January 14, 1955, in the home of Rev. Rose, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Many.

The couple will reside at 433½ East Third Street, Natchitoches. Mrs. Mitchell will continue her work as parish librarian; Mr. Mitchell is a business associate of his father in Many.

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MISS FAY JORDAN, A. B. '53, of Natchitoches, and GEORGE WESLEY ROBINSON, of Lecompte, were married at the home of the bride's parents on January 29, the Rev. Oliver Roberts officiating.

The bride was a member of the faculty at Iowa High School, and the groom is in the U. S. Navy. The young couple are making their home in San Diego, California. The groom is attached to the U.S.S. Piedmont of the 7th Fleet.

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MISS OCTAVIA DARE SANDLIN, B. S. '55, of Natchitoches, and WILCEY CHAMPAGNE, student at the College from Mt. Airy, were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church in Natchitoches recently with Rev. Perry F. Webb, Jr., officiating.

The young couple are making their home in Natchitoches, where the groom is continuing his work at school.

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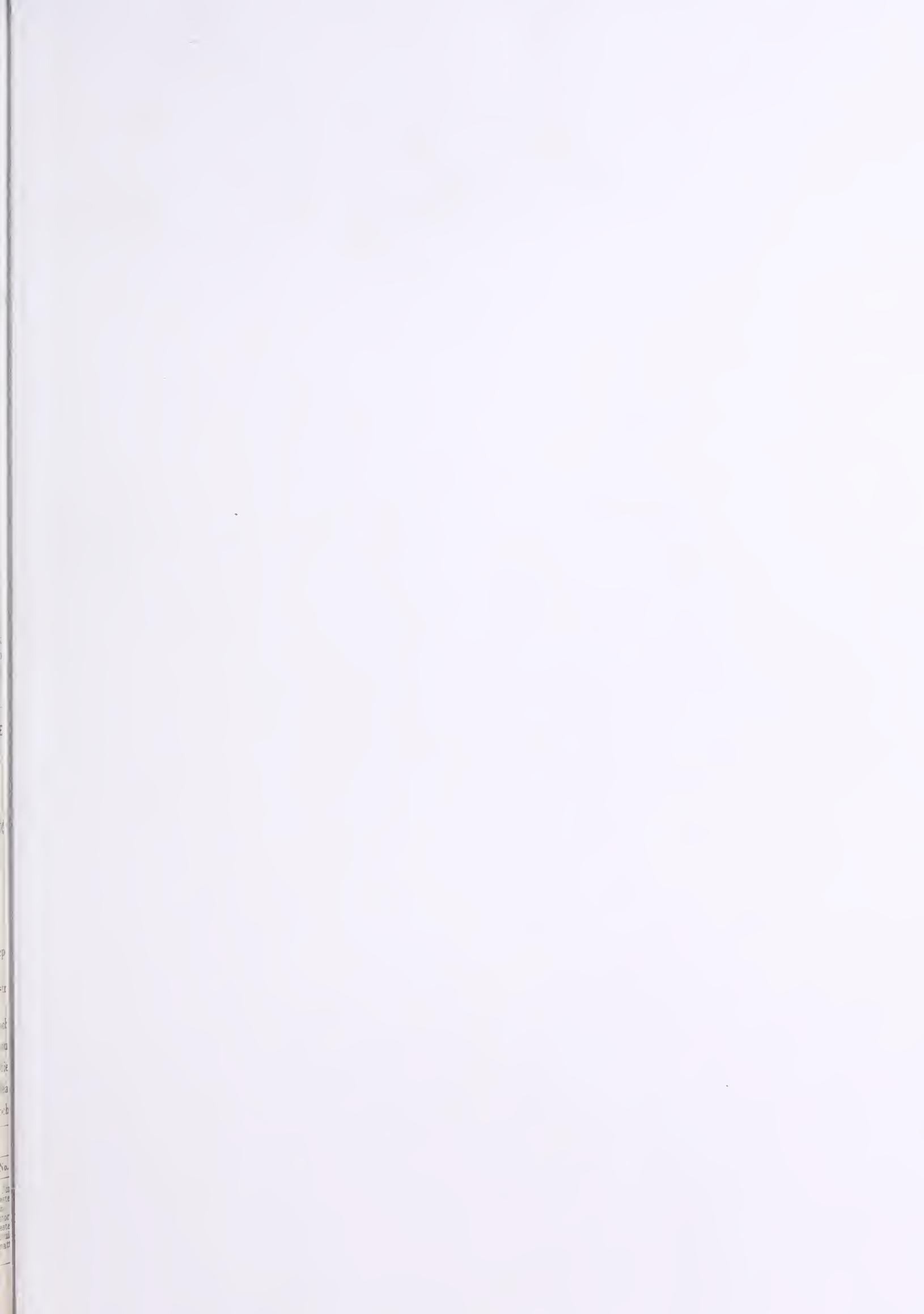
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